

ACQUITTED IN
BALLOT BOX CASESSTATE FAILED TO CONVICT TRIO
AT JACKSON.Judge Barham Indicated His Instructions
to Jury Before the Three Defendants
Took the Stand—Thrift Was
Charged.

Jackson.—J. D. Hunt, J. H. Price and S. H. Neff, who were indicted several weeks ago on the charge of stealing a part of the Madison County election returns a few days after the November election, were cleared of the charges in criminal court. Judge Barham delivered peremptory instructions to the jury to return a verdict in favor of the defendants, ruling that the state had failed to make out its case. The defendants insisted on testifying in order that they might have an opportunity to enter denials to the charges made against them in the indictment.

Judge Barham convened the court in special session in order to give the defendants a speedy trial, which they requested as soon as the indictments were returned. A big crowd witnessed the proceedings, the courtroom being jammed from early in the morning long before the trial was opened.

Proof introduced by the state was of weak circumstantial character and it was the general belief when the state rested its case that the defendants would be at once discharged. In moving to dismiss the cases Gen. Howard stated that he would have advised the grand jury against returning the indictments had he been aware of the intentions of the jury. About the only thing proven was that the defendants were in the room next to the vault from which the returns were stolen much of the afternoon on which the ballot box is thought to have been rifled. Proof tending to show that there were discrepancies between some of the statements made by the defendants was also presented.

RELIEF AFTER STORM.

People of Bolivar Vicinity Ask for Federal Aid.

Bolivar.—J. W. Jacobs, with three others, two ladies and a gentleman, went to the cyclone-swept district in the southeastern part of the county; Mr. Jacobs to confer with the committee as to getting tents to be erected temporarily for the homeless to use until they can get their crops in time to build other homes. The United States government will be asked for the tents and also for seed of various kinds, cotton, corn, beans, peas and garden seed. The utter destruction was heart-rending, but the citizens who lost their homes have gone pluckily to the work of rebuilding barns and necessary shelter. The timber loss is inestimable.

NEGRESS ACCUSED.

Charged Accessory to Attack at Deaf and Dumb School.

Knoxville.—Genevieve Caldwell, a negro teacher employed at the colored department of the state deaf and dumb school was arrested charged with being an accessory after the fact in connection with the deadly assault made at that institution early Monday morning. Sheriff Bolt and his deputies are working on the case and believe that she knows more about the tragedy than she cares to tell. The Caldwell woman's home is in Florida, and it is alleged that she intended to leave for that state. Her arrest followed a talk by the officers with Carrie Mason, the colored matron, whose condition is slightly improved.

MORTON ON LIQUOR LAW.

Would Repeal Manufacturers' Law Change Statewide.

Nashville.—Chairman J. D. G. Morton of the Democratic State Executive Committee gave out a statement, by way of suggestion to the Democratic members of the General Assembly, in which he urged the repeal of the manufacturers' law and the modification of the statewide law.

Confesses Horse Stealing.

Union City.—Eager Burger was arrested here accused of stealing a horse in Fulton. Burger rode the horse to this place and undertook to sell it to "Boss" Jones, a dealer, offering to take \$40 for the animal, and suspicion led to his arrest. He confessed.

Lebanon Man Hangs Self.

Lebanon.—John A. Shipp, Sr., aged 75 years, committed suicide by hanging at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Julia Conaster, near Bellwood. Mr. Shipp had been afflicted with softening of the brain for several years.

Baptists Will Meet.

Trezevant.—The Weakley County Baptist Association will hold a fifth Sunday meeting with the Moor's Chapel congregation near Greenfield, north of this place, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday and continuing until Sunday.

School Building Burns.

Milan.—The school building four miles east of here, near Whitthorne, where a colored school was taught, was burned down with its contents.

Will Meet at Avoca.

Nashville.—That Avoca, near Tullahoma, is to be the next meeting place for the summer conference of young people, held under the auspices of the Tennessee Annual Conference, is announced by the executive committee.

Desert Contract to Be Let.

Memphis.—The contract for the construction of the new Illinois Central Railroad passenger station at South Main Street and Calhoun Avenue will be let within three weeks.

TENNESSEE
LEGISLATURE

BACK TAX GRABS.

Williams Committee Reports Violation
of Law and Fee Grabbing.

Nashville.—The Williams legislative committee, which has been investigating the work of the back assessment and back tax attorney systems, submitted a lengthy report, detailing the split with the Drane end of the committee, their efforts to get at the bottom of alleged inequities and listing the names of witnesses examined at Knoxville and elsewhere. These salient points in the report are noted:

"The evidence taken and the information otherwise obtained tend to show that the comptroller, in disregard of his duties and violation of the law, contracts with his revenue agents for a division of penalties and that by reason of this reprehensible conduct vast sums of money which either should not have been collected at all or which should have gone into the public treasury were wrongfully diverted.

"It further conclusively appears that excessive penalties were collected from delinquent taxpayers and that funds which should have gone into the public treasury were wrongfully appropriated by the revenue agent; that expense accounts were 'padded,' reported in lump sums, approved by the comptroller, and that items wrongfully charged as expenses were fraudulently charged a second time by a concealment thereof in a general expense account of the revenue agent.

"From the evidence taken and other information obtained, it is conclusively shown that the back assessment law has been used and abused by the revenue agents and their attorney to harass the business interests of the State—not for the purpose of equalizing and correcting assessments, but for the purpose of filling the pockets of the revenue agents and their attorneys with ill-gotten gains."

The report concludes: "From the evidence taken and the information otherwise obtained, it is further conclusively shown that those illegally engaged in the sale of liquor in Tennessee pay enormous tribute to this vicious and dangerous combination, and are granted protection in return for the blackmail thus exacted."

FILIBUSTER IN HOUSE.

Representative Talks Against Time and
Wins Race.

Nashville.—Turbulent scenes prevailed in the lower house of the Legislature, the regular Democrats being attacked from every quarter and both flanks at the same time, but showing a power of resistance that won no less than three victories before adjournment was taken late in the afternoon.

Speaker Stanton was tried as on no former day of the session, the stress of feeling between the factions reaching once a pitch that occasioned a verbal assault upon the speaker. Representative Chambliss, voicing the opinion of the Democrats and many others, resented a violent attack by Representative Spears of Giles County and entered a motion that the Giles County man be arrested and brought before the bar of the House and punished in the event he refused proper apology both to the speaker and to the House. Mr. Spears later withdrew his remarks, Mr. Stanton asked Mr. Chambliss to withdraw his motion, which he did temporarily, he said, and the incident finally closed when Mr. Spears made profuse apology to Mr. Stanton in private.

Mr. Todd changed his vote, remembering all at once that he and some of his associates had been grossly insulted by the wording of the minority report on the election bill, which had been written by Representative West of Knox, and talked until the speaker announced that the hour for the special order had passed.

WOMAN'S BILL A LAW.

Measure Affecting Property Rights Goes
Into Effect.

Nashville.—The woman's property rights bill became a law, going by default. The governor did not approve of the bill sufficiently to sign it, but he felt that it would be useless to veto it, and so allowed it to become a law without his signature.

Public Health Department.

Nashville.—Mr. Horne, under a special order, called up senate bill to provide for a department of public health with a laboratory and bacteriologist. Mr. Horne explained that the main purpose was to provide that sputa, water, etc., could be examined free of charge. He thought it would prove a great blessing to the public at large. The bill passed 20 to 0.

NEW SENATE BILLS.

Smith (by request)—To make the
State pure food and drugs inspector
ex officio hotel inspector.

Thomas—To require veterinary surgeons to report contagious diseases in live stock.

Thomas—To protect enclosed lands against certain trespassing animals.

White—To facilitate selection of juror.

White—To regulate mileage of officers conveying prisoners and insane persons from one point to another.

Fitzpatrick and Blakemore—To provide a closed season for certain fish.

Fitzpatrick, Blakemore—To make the game warden's office tenure of four years, giving him an office in the Tennessee annual conference, is announced by the executive committee.

Fisher—To give additional power and authority to the State railroad commission.

Assistant Engineering Clerk.

Nashville.—The speaker announced the appointment of Miss Blanche Castle of Waynesboro to be assistant engineering clerk.

ELECTION BILL PASSED.

Its Final Success Over Hooper's Veto Is
Certainty.

Nashville.—In tones scarcely audible, with his body racked and torn by the ravages of disease, Charles L. Neely of Shelby county was brought on a stretcher in the house of representatives and cast the vote which overthrew the election machinery of the State.

The Democrats on the night before had pledged sufficient to pass the bill, but some of the members had a dream, and in that dream they saw a vision, and they were sorely troubled until a young man named Hooper made it plain to them. They refused to accept the explanation of the soothsayers, and, with two in hospitals and two in travail, the Democrats had no alternative except to have Neely vote. The final vote was 50 to 47, and one less would have defeated it for the lack of a constitutional majority.

The bill is still in the hands of the committee in the senate, but will be called out in a few days, but there is no prospect of its defeat. When the bill shall have passed the senate the governor will veto it, and it will then be passed over his veto.

There is every indication that the strength of the Republican and Independent alliance in the house is broken. Constant defeat and useless resistance have sapped their vitality, and they disappeared from the hall chagrined, disheartened and hopeless.

On the outside there are rumors that the election bill will not be allowed to pass over the veto of the governor. The members of the house may hand in their resignations in the event 34 can be secured. At present there appears to be no way of defeating the bill in a contest of strength.

The passage of the bill in the house was a distinct surprise to the Independents and Republicans. There was every indication that the Democrats were in sore distress. This was false to the Republicans. They gathered and sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There," and as they sang loudly and some mountaineer bore down heavily on the bass, Mayor Crump of Memphis and Representative John L. Cox whispered softly to each other.

Speaker Stanton had word that Neely was on his way and he called the house to order. The chaplain brought the Lord to assume responsibility for the conduct of the house, but the appeal failed for want of a second.

Mr. Neely had not arrived, and Mr. Todd called for the reading of the journal. The clerk read half an hour or longer, and finally four burly negroes approached with Mr. Neely on a stretcher. Representative Abernethy called for the reading of the bill. In substance, it provides that the state board of election commissioners shall consist of five members, instead of three, as at present. Stratton has resigned and the legislature will be required to elect three regular Democrats. Instead of each member selecting a factional county election commissioner, as heretofore, a majority will select all of the commissioners in the state. Their term of office is for six years.

The bill was placed on final reading. Somebody called for previous question. Representative Smith of Knox and others attempted to discuss the measure, but Representative McFarland insisted on a roll call. Speaker Stanton had resumed the chair.

The speaker stated that Mr. Neely was seriously ill, and he hoped that there would be absolute quorum. He said unless there was objection, Mr. Neely would answer to his name from behind the bar of the house. There was none, but Mayor Crump never takes a chance. He had the porters to take Mr. Neely into the aisle, and when his name was reached, the muffled tone, which proceeded from somewhere in the pile of blankets, was drowned by thunderous applause, and the procession moved out, down to the ambulance and back to the hospital.

Funds for State Fair.

Nashville.—A bill to appropriate \$60,000 to the Tennessee state fair for the purpose of equipment and maintenance of the fair was taken up as a special order. The bill also provides that \$10,000 is to be used in preparing special exhibits to be sent over the state to the various county fairs. Mr. Abernethy moved to amend by cutting the amount to \$40,000.

Telephone Bill Passes.

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Women for Notary Public.

Nashville.—Senator Underwood called up Senate bill making women eligible to the office of notary public and the bill was passed, 21 yeas, 6 nays.

Practical Fashions

LADY'S THREE GORED SKIRT.



Here is a pretty model for an evening skirt. The garment is cut in three gores and is one of the most delightful styles of the season, and despite its elaboration of detail is quite easy to carry out. The tunic is a fashionable feature and the draped effect is quite fetching.

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"I dunno; an' all I does know is—de biggest race problem is how ter keep ten yards ahead of him!"

Perfectly Clear.

"I wonder why so many trains are late?" said young Mrs. Torkins as she watched the man chalk up the figures on the blackboard.

"Well," replied her husband, "for one thing, traffic is much heavier than it used to be."

"Of course! And the heavier a load is, the harder work a locomotive has to pull it!"

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2 ENGINES TURN
OVER; FOUR HURT

Engines Struck House Without Injuring Occupants.

Engineer Pinned in His Cab and Held Prisoner for an Hour, While Rescuers Worked Frantically to Save His Life.

Memphis.—Hurled from the track as if by some unseen force, two gigantic Illinois Central Railroad locomotives jumped the curve at Nettleton avenue and turned over.

Four people were injured. The crew of the first engine was buried beneath the wreckage.

The second engine plunged into a house standing near the curve and came within an ace of claiming a fifth victim—a woman.

The accident was one of the most spectacular in the annals of Memphis railroads.

The train had just left the Union station. It was being run as a double-header and the two big type moguls were just getting up speed to take the sharp turns in the track.

As they swung into Nettleton avenue the first engine leaned heavily. The next second there was a wild plunge, and both locomotives were thrown into a tangled heap of twisted and splintered steel.

Engineer A. L. Robertson of the leading locomotive and his fireman, W. T. Cooper, both Memphis men, were caught in their cab.

Charles J. Barnett, engineer of the second locomotive, was hurled from his seat and fell on top of the wreckage.

His fireman, Will Moore, a negro, was caught between the cab and the tender. Hair-raising escapes bordering on the marvelous were numerous.

The most astounding was that of Robertson, who, after being imprisoned for over an hour, got off without fatal injuries.

Barnett was apparently snatched from death. He was barely scratched.

MAY MAKE HUSBANDS GOOD.

Judge Bacon Would Force Them to Support Their Wives.

Memphis.—W. J. Bacon, judge of the city court, has a bill which he hopes to have passed, if possible, by the present legislature, making it a misdemeanor, with 11 months and 29 days in the workhouse attached, for a husband to wilfully fail to support his wife.

Judge Bacon, as judge, has had an opportunity to study that question, and feels that something is needed in order that husbands spending all their money for drink and other worthless things may be forced to provide for the wife, or stand punishment for neglecting to do so.

The bill says that it shall be a misdemeanor for a husband to wilfully and without good cause neglect, or fail to provide for his wife according to his means, or leave her in danger of becoming a burden on the public.

When arraigned on that charge, the defendant can plead guilty or not guilty. If he pleads guilty, the judge can require him to give security, approved by the court, to the effect that he will pay to the clerk of the juvenile court, weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly, for the space of one year, a reasonable sum of money to be specified by the court.

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION.

Supt. Brister Sounds Hopeful Note at Teachers' Meet.

Knoxville.—The session of the East Tennessee Teachers' Association was attended by fully five hundred teachers from the various counties of this section of the State. The feature was an address by Superintendent J. W. Brister, in which he reviewed educational legislation in Tennessee, and spoke of the plans of his department for the future, touching upon the subject of compulsory education. Superintendent Brister expressed the opinion that the great increase in attendance would bring a proportionate increase in cost of maintenance of schools. He predicted that if Tennessee maintained her present strides in educational matters that within ten years illiteracy would have virtually disappeared from the State.

FAVOR EDUCATIONAL BILLS.

Tennessee Educators Name D. C. Stunkard as President.

Nashville.—The adoption of resolutions endorsing the pending educational measures, a talk by State Superintendent J. W. Brister on State education and the election of officers for the ensuing year were the chief features of the closing session of the sixth annual meeting of the Middle Tennessee Educational Association. This was the most successful convention yet held, both in attendance and interest manifested, according to the statements of the leaders. D. C. Stunkard of Lawrenceburg was elected president.

BRICKS BY MAIL.

Millington Congregation Wants Material, and Not Bouquets.

Millington.—The Farrel Post church at Millington, the first of its kind in this section of the country, is rapidly growing in favor with the public. The idea of shipping a church by parcel post, when first introduced, did not seem practicable, but the idea was so unique that hundreds of friends of the congregation have already sent bricks through the mails for the church.

Smallpox at Glasgow.

Glasgow.—Two cases of smallpox were discovered here, which are causing some excitement among the citizens of the town. G. L. McFarmer, a resident of Glasgow, was taken sick on last Monday, and Dr. Goldsby, local physician, was called to see him. Dr. Mayo also was called to examine Calvin Adams, another resident of this place, his case being pronounced the same. Yet few flags have been hoisted at both places and every precaution will be made to check the spread of the disease.

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